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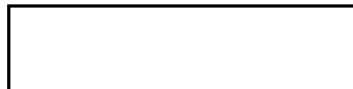
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities
ATTENTION: Deputy Director for Material
SUBJECT: Update of World-Wide Aircraft Threat to
the IDEALIST Vehicle
REFERENCE: [redacted] dated 22 September 1971

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1. In response to your request in the reference, this office has reassessed the world-wide aircraft threat to the U-2R reconnaissance aircraft. The threat to the U-2R from a flight over the Soviet Union is not discussed as per your request, however, you are advised that at least five Soviet operationally deployed aircraft constitute a threat to the IDEALIST vehicle.

2. Seven aircraft interceptor weapon systems deployed around the world represent the current threat to the U-2R aircraft. The aircraft together with their pertinent technical data and PK's are presented in Appendix I. World-wide deployment of these aircraft are presented in Appendix II.

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7. In summary, the current world-wide threat to the U-2R differs from earlier assessments only in that some of the interceptors constituting that threat are now somewhat more widely deployed. Here we have considered only the vehicle capability and weapons availability. The factors of pilot skill, aircraft maintenance, air surveillance system and command and control networks in each of the nations has not been treated in depth for this study. Questions should be directed to

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